

Carol of the Epiphany


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Voice A

**1. I sought him dressed
in finest clothes,
where money talks,
and status grows;**


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**but power and wealth,
he never chose:
It seemed he lived
in poverty.**

Voice B


**2. I sought him
in the safest place,
remote from crime
or cheap disgrace;**



**but safety never
knew his face:
It seemed he lived
in jeopardy.**

Voice C

**3. I sought him where
the spotlights glare,
where crowds collect
and critics stare;**



**but no one knew
his presence there:
It seemed he lived
in obscurity.**



Voice A

**4. Then, in the streets,
we heard the word
that seemed,
for all the world, absurd:**



**That those who could
no gifts afford
were entertaining
Christ the Lord.**

All

**5. And so, distinct
from all we'd planned,
among the poorest
of the land,**



**we did what few
might understand:
We touched God in
a baby's hand.**